

Final Iran Sanctions Bill Heads to President's Desk

WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives today passed the final version of a bill cosponsored by U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell to impose tough new economic penalties on Iran in an effort to persuade Iran to end its nuclear program. The conference report for the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, H.R. 2194, passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 408-8. The Senate passed the same bill earlier today by a vote of 99-0. H.R. 2194 now heads to President Obama's desk.

"Passage of a final bill has been long overdue, as Iran continues to be a very real and present conventional threat," Mitchell said. "I believe that it is critical for the United States to work aggressively to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. A nuclear Iran would not only pose a dire threat to Israel, a vitally important ally in the region, but to the United States as well."

The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, H.R. 2194, would direct the President to impose sanctions if a person has, with actual knowledge, made an investment of \$20 million or more that directly and significantly contributed to Iran's ability to develop its petroleum resources, or shows support or involvement with Iran's domestic refining efforts to international banking institutions involved with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Iran's illicit nuclear program or its support for terrorism.

Mitchell, who travelled to Israel last year to explore critical foreign policy and national security challenges facing both Israel and the United States, took to the House floor last week to urge passage of a final bill to impose tough sanctions on Iran.

"Iran is not stopping its ruthless quest for nuclear weapons while Congress continues to deliberate. We simply cannot allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons. We must act quickly and boldly to prevent that from happening. A nuclear Iran would not only pose a dire threat to Israel, a vitally important ally in the region, but to the United States as well," said Mitchell.

His floor speech can be found [here](#) .

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Mitchell Votes for Tough Sanctions on Iran

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